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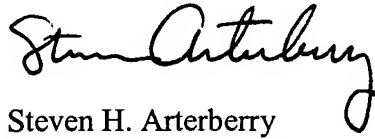
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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AA	2,601,568	06/24/52	Sussenbach et al.			02/18/48
AB	3,141,221	07/21/64	Fauls, Jr.			11/13/62
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OTHER PRIOR ART *(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)*

✓ AP	First Sale, Seattle, WA., May 12, 2003.
AQ	First Public Disclosure (Internet Website), November 13, 2002.

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